

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/787,781
Reply to Office Action dated February 21, 2008

Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated February 21, 2008. Claim 11 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 1 and 43-44 have been withdrawn. Claims 6, 8-14, 23-31 and 36-38 are currently pending. Reconsideration and reexamination are hereby requested.

In the Office Action, a further Restriction has been placed upon the Application for a lack of unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1. The Office Action indicated that there were two inventions, namely:

Group I, claims 1 and 34-44, drawn to a method of producing a substance having a changed coagulating or anticoagulation activity; and

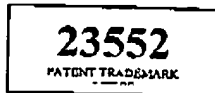
Group II, claims 6, 8-14, 23-38, drawn to a method of determining an HF signal perturbation of a biological system and quantifying the signal into an electric current.

The Office Action indicated that the inventions do not relate to a single general inventive concept as they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.

Applicants assert that there appears to be a typographical error in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants assert that Group I actually relates to claims 1 and 43-44 rather than 34-44 and believes that the 3 and 4 have simply been inverted. Moreover, Applicants note that claims 34 and 35 as well as 39-42 had previously been cancelled. Applicants also note that claims 36-38 depend from claims 12, 13 and 14, which are in Group II. Therefore, Applicants elect Group II, claims 6, 8-14, 23-31 and 36-38. Applicants make the election without traverse.

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Applicants assert that the claims are in condition for allowance and a speedy and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.



Respectfully submitted,

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